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In re application of : **Confirmation No. 7026**
Mitsuaki OSHIMA et al. : Docket No. 2000_1329
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Sir:

On December 2, 2003, the Patent Office issued a Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment in connection with the above-identified application. The holding in the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment is that an "Amendment Document filed on 12-1-03 is considered non-compliant because it has failed to meet the requirements of 37 C.F.R. 1.121, as amended on June 30, 2003." This holding is traversed for the following reasons.

First, no amendment was filed on December 1, 2003 in the above-identified application. The last amendment filed in the above-identified application was that filed on August 21, 2003 along with the RCE.

Second, the present application is a **reissue application**. The amendments of June 30, 2003 to 37 C.F.R. 1.121 do not change the manner of making amendments in reissue applications.

For the above reasons, it is submitted that the holding of non-compliance is in error. It is requested that the case be forwarded to the Examiner for consideration of the amendment filed August 21, 2003.

Respectfully submitted,

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